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EXPANDED PARTICLE, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING MOLDED FOAM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed February 11, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is concurrently being filed herewith. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to expire on May 11, 2009, Applicants file this response concurrently with a Request for a Three-Month-Extension of Time and the requisite fee. However, if any additional fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, the Office is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.